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SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" புற்று வியாதியஸ்தர்கள் சென்னை நகரத்திற்கு வநதுதான் சிகிச்சை செய்துகொள்ள வேண்டுமென்றிருக்கிறது. ஜில்லாக்களிலுள்ள ஏழை மக்கள் இநத வியாதியினால் கஷ்டப்படும்போது சென்னை நகரத்திற்கு வரக்கூடிய நிலைமையில் இல்லாமல் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே, ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லா ஆஸ்பத்திரியிலும் புற்று வியாதியைக் குணப்படுத்துவதற்கான வைத்திய வசதியைச் செய்து கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it is not possible at present. Cancer requires surgical treatment, radium treatment and deep X-ray treatment. It is not possible to provide all these facilities in District Headquarters Hospitals. At present, even for the X-ray plants which we have installed at the District Headquarters Hospitals for diagnostic purposes, we have not enough of properly trained men to take charge of them."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" சர்க்கார் ஜெனரல் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் இந்த வியாதிக்கு சிகிச்சை அளிக்கக்கூடிய பகுதியில் இருக்கக்கூடிய டாக்டர்களில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் மலையாளிகள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the hon. Member is paying a compliment to the Malabar people. We cannot go into it now."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, from the figures furnished by the Hon. Minister, it is seen that there are a large number of patients coming from Malabar and evidently Malabar is more striken with cancer. In view of this, will the Hon. Minister see that further technical equipment is also made available in the Cancer ward started there? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The previous supplementary question referred to larger number of Malayalee doctors employed in the Cancer ward and the present question refers to larger number of cancer patients. If we transfer the cancer treatment equipment from Madras to Malabar, then the complaint will become stronger."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, is it not in the interests of the larger humanity that the specialist departments should be decentralised and this plant installed in all the districts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it is necessary to have all the specialist departments in a teaching institution. In other District Headquarters Hospitals, we are opening specialist departments as and when the required personnel become available."

Fair price shops in the South Arcot district.

* 335 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of fair price shops in the South Arcot district on 30th June 1953; and whether any new shops were opened during the first half-year of 1953 and under what circumstances?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Two hundred and sixty-two fair price shops were functioning in the South Arcot district on 30th June 1953. No new shops were opened during the first half year of 1953."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" நியாய விலைக் கடைகளை கவனித்து கொள்வதற்கென டெபுடி தாசில்தார் கிரேடுஉள்ள தாலூகா சப்ளை ஆபீசர்கள் என் இருக்க வேண்டும்? அதற்குப் பதிலாக தாசில்தார்கள், தங்கள் கீழ் வேலை செய்யும் ரெவினியூ இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்களைக் கொண்டு என் இந்த வேலையைக் கவனிக்கக் கூடாது ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have got their own duties. That is why a special District Supply Officer has been appointed for the purpose of supervising these fair price shops."

Gruel centres for handloom weavers in Quilandy firka.

* 336 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many gruel centres for handloom weavers are located in the Quilandy firka in North Malabar; and

(*b*) whether there are proposals to open more gruel centres for handloom weavers in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (*a*) Two gruel centres for weavers are functioning, one in Quilandy firka and another in Balusseri Salia street in Quilandy sub-taluk.

" (*b*) The Collector has reported that more centres are likely to be opened if and when voluntary contributions from the charitable public are forthcoming."

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN :—" Are Government aware that three gruel centres have been closed down in Cannanore recently and is it the policy of the Government to close down these centres? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The general policy of the Government is for closing the gruel centres progressively. But in cases where there is absolute necessity and where 50 per cent contribution is forthcoming, the Collector at his discretion will open gruel centres."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" മലബാറിൽ പാലക്കാട്ട താലൂക്കിൽ ഗ്രുവൽ സെൻറർ തുടങ്ങാൻവേണ്ടി കലക്ടർ വല്ല ശുപാർശയും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am glad about it, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Collector has any instructions to close down progressively all the centres in Malabar district? "